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REMARKS

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1. the following VPL construction projects were carried out in Kamenz and Bautzen:

Kamenz	Project	T 102	with building	expenses of	363,000 eastmarks
	"	T 106	"	"	2,158,000 "
	"	T 108	"	"	1,120,000 "
Bautzen	"	T 104	"	"	564,000 "
	"	T 110	"	"	1,706,000 "

The sums mentioned were spent for construction work on airfields and billeting buildings between 1 January and 30 April 1953.[1] these statements correct previous information.

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2. the engineer technical headquarters of the VPL has been quartered in Cottbus since July/August 1953. The former chief of the design bureau of the Dresden Bauunion, Hoeppner (fnu), was to become the chief of the design bureau which was taken over by the VPL. A total of 150 men were to be employed by the VPL design bureau which was charged with all designs for VPL construction projects.[2]

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3. During the first half of September the entire staff from Johannisthal had been transferred to Cottbus. The motor transport battalion and the guard battalion were quartered in the Funker Kaserne which also housed small storerooms with office equipment and billeting equipment, probably for use by the headquarters only. All other sections of the headquarters were housed in the object north of the Burger Highway in Cottbus, which had been vacated by the 1st VPL Div. The male soldiers and NCOs were quartered in two temporary buildings of the complex, while a third temporary building was used as clubroom and library. All officers and female employees were billeted either in hotels in the town or in furnished apartments. Hotel Ansorge and Hotel Zur Sonne were entirely occupied by VPL. The buildings north of the Burger Highway which were also used by the VPL headquarters were separated from the other buildings and surrounded by a wire fence. This restricted area could be entered only by showing a special pass, which was issued to members of the VPL headquarters as well as to Wilpert (fnu), Bitterlich (fnu), Captain Kissig (fnu), deputy of the political officer of the division, and

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Major Loos (fnu), chief engineer of the division.[3]

4. On 1 September, flying was started by the six Soviet flight instructors who were charged with the training of the special training group for commanders. On 4 September, flights were made by the division commander and the regimental commanders. The other 18 members of the special course were given theoretical training at first and started flight training on 3 September.[4]

5. a total of about 30 50X1-HUM personnel of the 1st VPL Div were dismissed for moral reasons or because of incapability. Members of the division headquarters who were dismissed for the first reason included the party secretary, two political officers, the FdJ secretary, and an officer of the signal unit. On 2 September, two officers and a soldier arrived at the division after finishing a meteorological course in Pirna. The officers had previously been active in meteorology.[5] 50X1-HUM

6. the Soviet pilots who had been formerly stationed in Cottbus transferred to Welzow. 50X1-HUM on 8 September, large quantities of documents concerning VPL pilots 50X1-HUM and technicians returned from Damgarten and that these documents had been taken along by the Russians when they transferred.[6]

7. the VPL personnel were supplied with clothing by the depots in Goerlitz, Augustusbad, and Frossen. The latter depot allegedly was a depot for the entire KVP, while the depots in Goerlitz and Augustusbad exclusively supplied the VPL.[7] 50X1-HUM

8. When the supply division was transferred to Augustusbad, the VPL signal school from Augustusbad transferred to Kamenz and was incorporated in the Kamenz school. There, officer candidates of various branches of study, except for political indoctrination, received instruction and also military training. With regard to the efficiency, the school in Kamenz cannot be compared with the officer candidate schools of the former German Armed Forces. Schaefer (fnu), formerly chief of the training course of the signal school, functioned only as an instructor in Kamenz.[8]

9. After the transfer of the signal school, Augustusbad was only occupied by the supply division, referred to as Headquarters No. 300. Furthermore, central training courses for VPL drivers and military training courses were held in Augustusbad.[7]

1. Comment. The designations and costs of VPL construction projects were 50X1-HUM previously reported. . The information on a sum of 363,000 eastmarks for Project T 102 corrects the previously reported sum 50X1-HUM of 663,000 eastmarks.

2. Comment. The VPL construction projects are supervised by the construction section in the Hauptabteilung Ruckwaertige Dienste (Main Department of the 50X1-HUM Rear Services) in the VPL headquarters at the Ministry of the Interior. The headquarters, including all sections, are stationed in Cottbus. The engineer technical headquarters with Captain Kunze (fnu) as chief probably is a subsection of the aforementioned construction section, of which Lieutenant Colonel Weikert (fnu) is the chief. Previously, a so called Tiefbau Kollektiv (subsurface collective), with Grosser as chief, of the design bureau of the Bauunion Sued was assigned to the VPL construction section. It appears that the entire design bureau with its previous chief Hoeppner (fnu) was now assigned to the VPL construction section. 50X1-HUM

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3. Comment. The headquarters and units of the VPL at Cottbus airfield are believed to be quartered in the following buildings:

a. Headquarters of the 600 th VPL Div and 601st VPL Regt in the billeting buildings located on the airfield south of the road leading from Cottbus to Burg. These buildings had been occupied by the Soviet training regiment prior to July 1953.

b. VPL headquarters at the Ministry of the Interior in the billeting buildings north of the road to Burg: These buildings were previously occupied by the 600th VPL Div Hq and the 601st VPL Regt.

c. The 301st Airfield Supply Bn in the low brick buildings, east of the road to Burg, in line with the end of the spur track.

d. Sections of the VPL headquarters at the Ministry of the Interior, particularly guard battalion and motor transport platoon of the headquarters, in the former Funker Kaserne at the east end of the airfield. 50X1-HUM

Lieutenant Colonel Wilpert is known as commander of the 600th VPL Div. Lieutenant Colonel Bitterlich is the chief of staff of this division.

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5. Comment. Training courses for meteorological personnel of the VPL are known to be held in Pirna.

6. Comment. This information confirms that the former Soviet training regiment for VPL pilots was transferred from Welzow to Puetnitz-Dangarten in late August 1953. Since the transfer, Welzow airfield has been occupied by a fighter regiment from Koethen. 50X1-HUM

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7. Comment. It is believed that the central depot of the VPL was transferred from Berlin-Johannisthal to Rauschwalder Strasse, Goerlitz; at the same time the VPL headquarters at the Ministry of the Interior transferred from Berlin-Johannisthal. Augustusbad near Radeberg is occupied by the headquarters of the 300th Tech Div of the VPL to which the 301st, 302d and 303rd Supply Bns are subordinate. It is believed that these battalions are partially supplied from Augustusbad. The KVP depot is known to be located in Pressen. 50X1-HUM

8. Comment. The VPL technical school for officers and NCOs with assigned training courses for VPL signal personnel is stationed in Kamenz. Schaefer is known as senior lieutenant and former chief of the signal training courses.

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